

# **FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL FORM**

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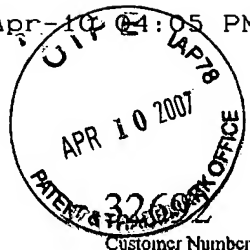
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Dear Sir:

Applicants appreciate the Notice of Allowance mailed January 11, 2007, which included the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Applicants agree that the pending claims are patentable over the prior art. However, Applicants respectfully disagree that the independent claims recite a limitation that the integrated circuit and the thermoplastic guard adjacent the integrated circuit are "defined as being on the same plane," as implied by the Examiner's comments and reference to Figures 3 and 4. Figures 3 and 4 illustrate just two embodiments of the present invention, as discussed in the brief description of the drawings and in the specification. Preferably, the thermoplastic guard has a relative height that is equal to or greater than the height of the integrated circuit, as discussed in the specification on page 15, to help protect the integrated circuit from forces applied to the RFID tag. However, that aspect of the invention is not recited until dependent claims 3 and 30. Regardless, it is difficult to understand if this particular aspect of the invention or some other aspect of the invention is what the Examiner meant by "defined as being on the same plane."

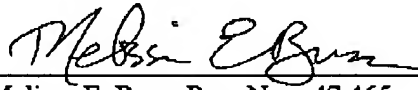
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